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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT in relation to enacting the "village of Washingtonville deficit financing act"

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as
2 the "village of Washingtonville deficit financing act".

3 § 2. Bonds. The village of Washingtonville, Orange county, is hereby
4 authorized to issue serial bonds, subject to the provisions of section
5 10.10 of the local finance law, on or before November 30, 2024, in an
6 aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$4,500,000 for the specific
7 object or purpose of liquidating the accumulated deficits of the general
8 fund, water fund, sewer fund and capital projects fund as of May 31,
9 2023, including the remaining principal amount of any budget, deficiency
10 and/or revenue anticipation notes outstanding at the time of said issu-
11 ance of said serial bonds or notes authorized pursuant to this act. In
12 anticipation of the issuance and sale of such serial bonds, bond antic-
13 ipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued.

14 § 3. The village shall be subject to the provisions of section 10.10
15 of the local finance law except that, notwithstanding any inconsistent
16 provision in paragraph d of section 10.10 of the local finance law, the
17 village board of trustees shall make adjustments to the proposed budget
18 consistent with any recommendations made by the state comptroller.

19 § 4. (a) For each fiscal year occurring during the time bonds and/or
20 bond anticipation notes issued pursuant to this act are outstanding, the
21 mayor of the village of Washingtonville shall prepare a quarterly report
22 of summarized budget data depicting overall trends of actual revenues
23 and budget expenditures for the entire budget rather than individual
24 line items. Such budgetary reports shall compare revenue estimates and
25 appropriations as set forth in such budget with the actual revenues and
26 expenditures made to date. All such quarterly budgetary reports shall be

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 accompanied by recommendations of the mayor setting forth any remedial
2 action necessary or desirable to resolve any unfavorable budget variance
3 including the over-estimation of revenues and the under-estimation of
4 expenditures. Each such quarterly budgetary report shall be completed
5 within 30 days after the end of each quarter and shall be submitted to
6 each member of the village board of the village of Washingtonville, the
7 director of the division of the budget, the state comptroller, and the
8 chairs of the senate finance committee and the assembly ways and means
9 committee.

10 (b) For each fiscal year occurring during the time bonds and/or bond
11 anticipation notes issued pursuant to this act are outstanding, the
12 mayor of the village of Washingtonville shall also prepare a quarterly
13 trial balance of general and special fund ledger accounts. Each such
14 quarterly trial balance shall be prepared in accordance with generally
15 accepted accounting principles. Each such quarterly trial balance shall
16 be completed within 30 days after the end of each quarterly period and
17 shall be submitted to each member of the village board of the village of
18 Washingtonville, the director of the division of the budget, the state
19 comptroller, and the chairs of the senate finance committee and the
20 assembly ways and means committee.

21 (c) Within 90 days of the issuance of any debt pursuant to this act
22 and for each fiscal year thereafter during which such debt or any debt
23 incurred to refund such debt is outstanding, the mayor of the village of
24 Washingtonville or other officer or officers responsible for the prepa-
25 ration of the tentative budget of the village of Washingtonville, within
26 30 days after the final adoption of the budget for the next succeeding
27 fiscal year, shall prepare a three-year financial plan covering the next
28 succeeding fiscal year and the two fiscal years thereafter. The finan-
29 cial plan shall, at minimum, contain the information required to be
30 provided in a three-year financial plan as prescribed by subdivision 10
31 of section 54 of the state finance law. Copies of the financial plan
32 shall be provided to the mayor and chief fiscal officers of the village
33 of Washingtonville, the director of the budget, the state comptroller,
34 the chair of the assembly ways and means committee and the chair of the
35 senate finance committee. This financial plan requirement shall not
36 apply to the extent the village of Washingtonville is subject to a
37 different multi-year financial plan requirement under state law.

38 (d) For each fiscal year occurring during the time bonds and/or bond
39 anticipation notes issued pursuant to this act are outstanding, the
40 mayor or chief fiscal officer of the village of Washingtonville shall
41 notify the state comptroller at least 15 days prior to the issuance of
42 any bonds or notes or entering into any installment purchase contract
43 and the state comptroller may review and make recommendations regarding
44 the affordability to the village of Washingtonville of any such proposed
45 issuance or contract. The state comptroller may require the submission
46 by the village of Washingtonville of such information as the state comp-
47 troller shall deem necessary to complete his or her review.

48 § 5. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section
49 or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent juris-
50 diction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invali-
51 date the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to
52 the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part involved in the contro-
53 versy in which such judgment shall have been rendered. The provisions of
54 this act shall be liberally construed to assist the effectuation of the
55 public purposes furthered hereby.

56 § 6. This act shall take effect immediately.